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## **Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend paragraph 0068 as follows:

Optionally, the rear axle assembly 18b may also be steerable or turnable relative to frame 12 via a steering system or mechanism 80. For example, and with reference to FIG. 27, steering mechanism 80 may comprise a linkage or connecting member 82-85 that extends from front axle assembly 18a to rear axle assembly 18b and is operable to steer or turn the rear wheels and tires or the rear axle 19 in a direction generally opposite to the turning or steering direction of the front wheels or tires. Linkage 82-85 may extend longitudinally along a side of the frame 12 and may cause rotation of a cross member or linkage 84 via a connecting link 83a when linkage 82-85 is moved longitudinally by turning of the front wheels or axle assembly. Cross member 84 is connected to another linkage assembly 86, such that pivotal movement of cross member 84 causes turning of the tires 16a and wheels 16b of the rear axle assembly 18b relative to the axle 19.

Please amend paragraph 0069 as follows:

bracket 87 attached to the rear axle 19 and may be pivotable about a generally vertical pivot axis 86a at bracket 87. Rotation of cross member 84 pushes or pulls at the ends 86b of the generally L-shaped linkages 86 to cause a corresponding pivotal movement of linkages 86 about pivot axis 86a to move a steering rod 88 to steer the rear tires 16a and wheels 16b relative to the axle 19 in one direction or the other. As shown in FIG. 27, longitudinally extending connecting linkage 82-85 may be supported at or near the central region of the frame 12 via a pivotable link or arm 83b that allows fore/aft or longitudinal movement of connecting linkage or linkages 82-85 via pivotal movement of the arm 83b when the forward linkage is moved by steering of the front axle assembly.

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Please amend paragraph 0070 as follows:

[0070] For example, and with reference to FIG. 27, when front axle assembly 18a is turned toward the left side of the frame 12, connecting linkage 82-85 is moved rearwardly along the side of the frame 12, which causes a corresponding clockwise rotation of cross member or linkage 84. The rotation of cross member 84 pulls at linkages 86 to cause pivotal movement of linkages 86 about pivot axis 86a, which further causes movement of the steering rod 88 toward the right side to turn the rear wheels toward the right side or toward the opposite direction of the front wheels. Turning in the other direction is accomplished in a similar manner, except that linkage 82-85 pulls forwardly to rotate cross member 84 in the counterclockwise direction, which pushes at linkage 86 to move steering rod 88 to the left to steer the rear wheels to the left.